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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 1, 2001 (Paper No. 7), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 13.

Please replace the remaining claims with the following:

Sub c1 1. (Amended) A compact sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which is easy to operate, handle and transport, said apparatus comprising a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby a volume of about 10 to about 50 liters of fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam generated therefrom.

B1 2. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising regulators and heating elements in said double boiler walls which provide for a stable fluid temperature.